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Happy Easter to you all!

It's scary how time passes so fast! People attending! Our Burns Night celebration was great fun with 50 people attending, young and not so young! The food was good with wonderful entertainment. The wealth of talent in our society never ceases to amaze!

All the performers of the evening





Freddie, our young piper did us proud and was truly amazing



Frank addressed the Haggis, and a toast was made!

Alan presented his Immortal Memory which captivated his audience!



While Iain amused us with his toast to the Lassies!

Val certainly was a match for Iain responding to the Laddies



Take your partners for the Gay Gordons!



A song from Gill & Alan



Carolyn recited Holy Wullie's Prayer



A musical item from Ali and Jonah (who bravely played whilst recovering from a broken wrist!)



The Hardie family in complete harmony



Ursula sings Ye Banks and Braes accompanied by Sue

We all enjoyed listening to David's recitation!



Amanda and Sue perform Bruar Water (Music written by Sue)



**Freddie played for us as we bring the evening to a close
traditionally singing Auld Lang Syne**

Easter egg rolling is a Scottish tradition. This activity consists, to put it broadly, of painting an egg and rolling it down a hill, (or, if you don't have access to a hill, across a suitable grass lawn). It has long been performed, traditionally, on Easter Monday.



In February we gathered for our annual game of skittles at the Old Ship at Upwey!

The Winning Team
receiving their trophy
kindly made by George!



Fraser delighted with his trophy, a worthy winner of killer!



Tom takes home the killer runner up trophy!

A few members entertained the residents of Primrose Lodge with some Scottish songs and dances! Amanda, Gill & Alan sang a few songs which the residents sang along with delight. They all thoroughly the afternoon. The chef produced small plates of haggis neeps and tatties with a wee dram for those who wanted one! Shortbread, teacakes and Dundee cake (made by Pam) were also on offer with a good cup of tea! Some of the residents had helped decorate the room and the saltire was waved with gusto!

My sister Liz danced the St Bernards Waltz with Frank! (Never danced it before! I think the kilt was hit!)



Our weekly lessons are definitely paying off!



The dance group ready for an Easter Break



Was it fancy dress? No, Iain just dropped in as a master of disguise and Joe bidding a fond farewell to the group as they move to Preston Village Hall after Easter!

Scotland is home to the tallest waterfall in Britain, named Eas a' Chual Aluinn (Assynt, Sutherland). It is 658 feet, which is 3 times the height of Niagara Falls.



We are planning monthly events to enjoy!

Dates for your Diary

CEILIDH - SATURDAY April 13

Radipole URC hall - 7pm

Bring and share Supper Please bring your own drinks

Let Janette know if you would like to perform - please don't be shy!

There will be a raffle to cover hall rental (prizes needed please!)

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

Ceilidh dancing will recommence on Monday 15 April at 3.45pm at Preston Village Hall - Come along for a fun afternoon!

April Lunch - Turks Head Inn Chickerell - date to be confirmed

May - AGM- date to be announced

It's hoped to hold a Ceilidh at Blagdon Farm sometime in May

Why not visit our website - www.southdorsetcaledonians.org

Share your news with your SDCS friends in the Clarion!

Take care and please keep in touch!

Janette!